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MINUTE OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA ON THE RETIREMENT OF ITS TREASURER, MAJOR J. EDWARD CARPENTER.

At the annual meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania held May 9, 1898, the following minute was unanimously adopted:

"The Society having been informed that its late Treasurer, Major J. Edward Carpenter, has declined, after a continuous service of thirty years, to be a candidate for re-election, desires, on his retirement from that office, to bear testimony to the extraordinary value of his services during that long period; and especially wishing to express its grateful sense of the fidelity, accuracy, and good judgment which have characterized, during his incumbency, the management of the financial affairs of the Society, it adopts the following minute:

"MINUTE.

"The Society points with pride and gratitude to the long career of Major Carpenter as its Treasurer. Under his most zealous and gratuitous care not only have the funds of the Society been carefully invested and constantly guarded from loss, but in the vast changes which have taken place in the financial world since our funds have been in his charge neither principal nor income have suffered loss. Such watchfulness and skill, with such results, involving much time and labor in the performance of the responsible duties of his office, attest the possession by Major Carpenter of the strictest honesty of purpose and absolute devotion to the interests of the Society, and qualities such as these it is our duty to honor and recognize. We should at least preserve the record of this faithful officer's services on our books *in rei perpetuam memoriam.*

"Such an expression of our feelings is due not only to Major Carpenter himself, but it may serve also as a means of testifying to the confidence in his high character with which his long career has inspired us, as well as serve to encourage those who are burdened with the great responsibility of the care of money belonging to others.

"*Resolved,* That a copy of this minute be sent to Major Carpenter.

[Attest] "CHARLES J. STILLÉ,
"*President.*"